

to be tended by every labouring person tho design'd as a means to U. H. J.
Meliorate the Quality of that Commodity induced the Planters to a
greater Care in making and curing thereof, Since the worst Tobacco
they make is still Vendible to Sailors and others who buy it with a
View to defraud the King of his Customs by running it in great
Britain.

It is therefore proposed that there be no longer any Restriction as
to the Quantity of Tobacco to be tended and made by each labouring
Person or Titheable, which has only Cramp'd the Industry of the
Honest but has had little Effect in Reforming the Lazy and Dis-
honest.

That for preventing the Sale and Exportation of bad and unsound
Tobacco, All Tobacco whatsoever be brought to certain Storehouses
in the Several Rivers and Districts, and at such places where the
Ships usually Ride and Load.

That at each of these Storehouses there be appointed three men
of known Integrity and skill, and under the Obligations of an Oath,
carefully to View and Examine all the Tobacco that shall be brought
thither and be also bound with good sureties in a penalty to do their
Duties, and if any bad Tobacco not damaged in the Ship [be] found
under their Stamp to be a forfeiture of their Bonds, and to allow none
to pass in payment or for Export but such as shall be good and Sound p. 3
and Merchantable and clear from all mixture of Sand Dirt or mean
and Trash Tobacco.

That if upon Examination of any Hogshead of Tobacco there be
found any such Mixture of bad Tobacco, the Owner may at his own
Cost and Charge, Seperate the same and Repack that which is good
and the bad shall be immediately destroyed, but if the Owner refuses to
Seperate such Trash then all the Tobacco in such Cask to be burnt.

That Whereas bad Tobacco is frequently pack'd up by Overseers
without the Knowledge of their Masters or Employers, if any such
be found out and destroyed, the Overseer shall be Answerable to his
Employer for the loss thereof.

That when any Hogshead of Tobacco has been Viewed and ap-
proved of as good by the Inspectors, they shall Weigh the same with
lawful scales and Weights shall line and nail it and Mark thereon
the true Tare and then shall stamp such Hogshead on the head and
Staves as a Proof of it's being good and Sufficient and no Tobacco
shall be pass'd in any payment of any Debt or Duty or be Offer'd to
Sale or put on board any Ship for Exportation until the same has
been so View'd and Stamp'd.

None shall Offer to Sale any hogshead or Cask of Tobacco before
Stamp'd under the Penalty or forfeiture of the Tobacco and double
Value thereof and the like Penalty of double Value on the Buyer.

That for the great Conveniency of dealing between the Merchant
and the Planters Anyone bringing or Tending his Tobacco to the